



Event: Historic Resources and Museum Advisory Board (HRMAB) Meeting

Details: Wednesday, February 28th 2018, 6:00PM; Mordecai Visitor Center

Attendance:

HRM Board: Ed Morris, Fred Belledin, Alicia McGill, Clare Bass, Esther Hall, Barbara Freedman, Sam Mordecai, Joe Mobley

Staff: Troy Burton, Stacie Perryman, Ainsley Powell, Jenna Kostka, Scott Mott, Kathryn Neuhart, Joshua Ingersoll, Ernest Dollar, Douglas Porter, Scott Payne

Community Members: John Lucas

Excused Absent:

HRM Advisory Board: Tom Ward, Steve Rabin, Jannette Coleridge-Taylor, Holmes Harden

HRM Staff: Megan Raby, Marvin Howell, Matthew Wright

Call to Order, Welcome and Public Comment, Ed Morris:

HRMAB Chair, Ed Morris, called the meeting to order at 6:01pm and opened the floor for public comment.

John Lucas introduced himself and was attending the meeting as part of a merit badge requirement for Boy Scouts.

1. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Morris asked the Board to review the draft minutes from Wednesday, January 24th, 2018 and asked for any comments or corrections. No corrections were recommended. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

2. HRM Program Report:

Attractions, Scott Mott:

Mr. Mott stated January was a slower month for Pullen Park. The pedal boats are closed for the season, and the train and kiddie boats are both down for maintenance.

On Friday March 16th the park will host two St. Patrick's Day events:

- *St. Patrick's Day Gold Hunt* (ages 3-5) from 10am-12pm
- *Pirates vs Leprechaun* (ages 6-11) from 4pm-6pm.

The traditional *Egg Hunt* will be on Saturday March 24th.

On March 29th the park will host a teens event called *Teen Egg-Treme Hunt* from 6:30pm-9pm. This will be the third year working with the Teens Program with this event.

Mr. Mott recently celebrated his one-year anniversary with the City.

Ms. Hall asked Mr. Mott if there anything that he is worried about. Mr. Mott replied that keeping part-time staff is the biggest challenge. There is high turnover due to payrate and number of hours staff can work.

Sites, Joshua Ingersoll:

Mr. Ingersoll stated that January 2018 had higher attendance than January 2017. This was largely due to an increase in educational programs over the past year.

On March 11th Wake County Historical Society will host an event call *Chair, Cots, and Coffins: Joel Brown, Henry J. Brown and the origins of Raleigh's Oldest Business*.

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There are several events happening in April:

- *Escape to Freedom*: Saturday April 7th and Sunday April 8th
- *Volunteer Banquet*: Thursday April 26th
- *Annual Plant Sale*: Saturday April 28th

The historic trolley tours are back up on running on Saturdays for 2018.

Moore Square, Jenna Kostka:

Ms. Kostka stated that a finalist had been identified for the Assistant Director position at Moore Square. The projected start date is Monday April 9th.

The renovation project is on schedule.

Artsposure will be celebrating their 40-year anniversary in May 2019 and agreed to partner with Moore Square for a *Grand Opening* event.

Dorothea Dix Park will host two *Pop Up Dog Parks*:

- April 29th
- June 23rd

The HRM Program website is currently updated with spring events.

Museums, Ernest Dollar:

Mr. Dollar stated that this is the second record breaking January in visitation with over 2,000 people.

Raleigh Roasts was a huge success bringing in \$2,000 and 466 visitors.

Yoga in the Museum has been a big hit on Saturday's mornings bringing in 315 people this month.

Upcoming events in March:

- *March Madness Trivia Night*: March 4th
- *Big Decision Roundtable*: March 8th

The Pope House is slow during this season. Staff recently hired a part time staff member dedicated to the Pope House.

HRM, Troy Burton:

Mr. Burton reminded everyone of upcoming April events:

- *Time Warp*: April 21st
- *Fred Fletcher Awards*: April 25th
- *Volunteer Banquet*: April 26th
- *HRM Community Day*: April 28th

Ms. Freedman made a motion that the HRMAB recommend free carousel rides be offered on April 28th at John Chavis Memorial Park. Ms. Bass seconded, and all were in favor.

3. PRGAB Report, Jennifer Wagner:

The PRGAB supported the renaming of the Walnut Creek Wetland Center to Dr. Norman C. Camp Wetland Center. The recommendation will go before City Council for their final approval.

The PRGAB reviewed the draft Masterplan for Brentwood Park, and received public comment. The group will vote next month on it.

The PRGAB recommended that proposed fees and charges move forward to City Council for review and approval.. Among the fees are Moore Square rentals and Amusement ride tickets.

4. Chair's Report:

Mr. Morris thanked everyone for participating in the HR&A survey.

Mr. Morris encouraged board members to join the Friends of COR Museum and/or the Mordecai Square Association.

5. Old Business:

2018 HRM Strategic Plan, Troy Burton

Mr. Burton stated that HR&A consulting group will be attending the March meeting with a draft plan.

Public meetings will start in May.

The final HRM Plan should be delivered by the beginning of the fiscal year, and reviewed by City Council by September.

Ms. McGill mentioned that she felt like the last meeting with HR&A was a little rushed. She was wondering if another meeting was possible.

6. New Business:

Collections Plan, Clare Bass

Ms. Bass asked the group to review the Collections Plan, and be prepared to vote on it at the March meeting.

Topics addressed in the document include:

- Why HRM collects
- What HRM collects
- Collections by property

The Collections Plan will be reviewed bi-annually.

Volunteer Nominations, Esther Hall

Ms. Hall stated that everyone is encouraged to nominate volunteers for awards at the Annual Volunteer Banquet. The deadline for nominations is Friday March 9. Please email nominations to Megan Raby.

The Community Engagement Committee will review nominations and select award winners at their March meeting.

7. Committee Reports

a) Collections Committee, Clare Bass: Next meeting will be March 12th at 3pm at the COR Museum.

b) Community Engagement Committee, Esther Hall: HRM staff met with Tania Tully from RHDC and discussed ways in which to work together moving forward.

The committee discussed the volunteer banquet.

c) Nominating Committee, Barbara Freedman: Three board members are currently in their final terms. Please be considering replacements for Ms. Freedman, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Ward. Please remember that board members must be Raleigh residents.

- d) **Program/Exhibits Committee, Alicia McGill:** The committee continued brainstorming ideas for a program event at the Latta House and University Site. There were two RHDC members presented for this discussion.

The next Committee meeting will be on March 12th, and the next Community meeting with potential partners for the Latta event will be April 9th.

The group reviewed three exhibit proposals though e-mail:

- Photography Exhibit by Capital City Camera Club, Borden Building
- Raleigh Police Department Peace Officers Memorial (working title), COR Museum
- The Underground: Raleigh Musical History, COR Museum

- e) **Executive Committee, Ed Morris:** The committee reviewed January minutes and planned the meeting agenda, as well as discussed upcoming HRMAB vacancies and the HRM Plan.

8. Friends of the COR Museum, Barbara Freedman:

Ms. Freedman stated that the Friends are currently planning for *Time Warp* in April, and that planning for *City Lab* is moving forward.

9. <u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<i>March Madness Trivia Night</i>	3/4	6pm-8pm	COR Museum
<i>Raleigh Walking Tour</i>	3/3; 3/10; 3/17 3/24; 3/31	2pm	COR Museum
<i>Egg Hunt</i>	3/24	10:30am	Mordecai
<i>St. Patricks Day Gold Hunt</i>	3/16	10am-12pm	Pullen Park Amusements
<i>Leprechauns vs. Pirates</i>	3/16	4pm-6pm	Pullen Park Amusements
<i>Kids Egg Hunt</i>	3/24	11am	Pullen Park Amusements

Egg Hunt Challenge for Teens

3/29

6:30pm-9pm

Pullen Park
Amusements

10. Committee Meeting Reminders	Date	Time	Location
Collections Committee	Mon. 3/12	3:00pm	COR Museum
Community Engagement	Tues.3/13	5:00pm	Tucker House
Nominating Committee	TBD		TBD
Program and Exhibit Committee	Mon. 3/12	5:00pm	COR Museum
Executive Committee	Wed. 3/23	8:30am	Tucker House
Monthly HRMAB Meeting	Wed. 3/28	6:00pm	Mordecai Visitors Center

** All meetings of HRMAB Committees are open to the public.*

11. Adjournment, Mr. Morris:

Mr. Morris asked if there were any questions or comments before closing.

Mr. Morris adjourned the meeting at 7:06pm.